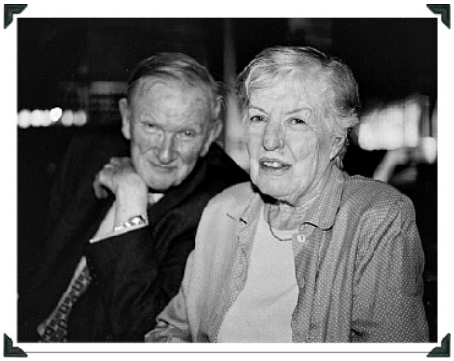
November 2012 Guelph Community Foundation Update

a philosophy of giving



Hugh and Lorna Guthrie's story reflects a **blend** of different forms of giving that will resonate with many of you. In their lifetime, Hugh and Lorna *(photo right)* gave their *time and expertise* as volunteers, *donated* to a broad range of causes, and built a legacy through *planned giving* to contribute to the vitality of our community.

This holiday season, bookmark the Ways to Give page on our website and learn more about planned giving - and please, read our story about Hugh and Lorna - it reminds us why we do what we do every day.

give the gift of community

The holidays are often a time of year to **extend gratitude**: thank the math teacher, acknowledge the hockey coach, show appreciation to a neighbour, *or simply* give a gift that is meaningful. Our GCF Community Fund is a popular option for donors to pay homage to a special person. *Anyone* can donate *any amount* to this fund and it supports projects, initiatives and people right here in your community. Recipients are grateful to be honoured with a charitable gift.

year end giving

As we approach the new year you may be thinking of year end charitable giving and receiving maximum tax benefits. The donation deadline for a **2012 tax receipt** remains December 31st, 2012 and Canada Revenue Agency regulations stipulate that donations postmarked by Canada Post **after** December 31, 2012 will receive a 2013 charitable tax receipt.

To make donating easy, the GCF offers four options: by mail, on-line, in person, or, *if you are *donating stock*, through your Professional Advisor *(*note the December 10th deadline below)*. **Donate now** to ensure you don't miss the year end giving deadline!

we accept gifts of securities

Giving stock is another excellent option to put your gains to good use and allow them to qualify for an immediate tax credit. You have the flexibility of choosing to donate to an existing fund *(such as our GCF Community Fund)*, or establishing a fund in your name *(minimums apply)*.

We require a little more time to process gifts of stock for a 2012 charitable tax receipt and must receive the transfer documentation no later than **December 10, 2012**. Please contact the GCF for our *Directions for Gift Shares* transfer form.

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